

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Ref: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT ALLOCATION, PER
RESOLUTION G-03-19, STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
GUIDELINES
WAIVER-06-01**

ISSUE

The California Transportation Commission (Commission) programmed \$3,000,000 in Fiscal Year 2005-06 to the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) for the construction phase of the Orange Metrolink Station Pedestrian Crossing project. OCTA has experienced several unforeseen design complications, and is requesting a twenty (20) month extension to the June 30, 2006 allocation deadline.

Significant coordination with the City of Orange, local law enforcement and SCRRRA has been required to determine whether the crossing should be over or under the tracks. OCTA has had extensive discussion to address local agency concerns regarding the safety and footprint of the crossing. Also, the structure must adhere to historical design requirements of the City, and will require approval of the State Architect, which add a minimum of six months to the process.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Transportation recommends approval of the extension request.

BACKGROUND

Resolution G-03-19, State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Guidelines, adopted by the Commission on December 11, 2003, stipulates that funds programmed for local grant projects are available for allocation only until the end of the fiscal year identified in the STIP. The guidelines further stipulate that the Commission may approve waivers to the timely use of funds deadline one time only for up to 20 months.